

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 2557

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, RP  
SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE REQUEST FOR FMS P&B (M551 ARAAV)

1. THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) HAS REQUESTED  
FMS P&B INFORMATION (TO INCLUDE AVAILABILITY) FOR EIGHTEEN  
(18) EACH NSN 2350-00-873-5408, M551, ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE  
AIRBORNE ASSAULT VEHICLE (ARAAV) WITH 152MM GUN. THIS  
VEHICLE IS BEING CONSIDERED AS A REPLACEMENT FOR THE LVTH6  
CURRENTLY IN THE INVENTORY OF THE PHIL MARINE BDE.

2. THE M551 IS NOT CURRENTLY IN THE AFP INVENTORY. REPLY  
SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

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A. PRICE AND LEAD TIME OF VEHICLE WITH WEAPONS AND  
STANDARD C-E ITEMS.

B. UNIT PRICE OF MISSILE.

C. UNIT PRICE FOR EACH TYPE OF 152MM GUN AMMO.

D. COSTS OF ONE AND TWO YEAR SUPPLY OF CONCURRENT  
SPARE PARTS PACKAGES.

E. NOMENCLATURE, NSN AND UNIT PRICE OF ASSOCIATED  
SPECIAL TOOLS.

F. COST OF TEAM FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE  
TRAINING. MAINTENANCE TRAINING TO INCLUDE CREW, ORGANI-  
ZATIONAL AND DIRECT SUPPORT LEVELS.

3. AFT RECOGNIZES THAT ALTHOUGH THE M551 CAN SWIM, IT  
DOES NOT HAVE THE THROUGH-THE-SURF CAPABILITY THAT THE  
LVT SERIES OF VEHICLES HAS. EMBASSY AND JUSMAG DO  
NOT REPEAT NOT FAVOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE M551 INTO THE  
AFP DUE TO HIGH INITIAL COST, MAINTENANCE COSTS AND  
COMPLEXITY, OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS, ETC. JUSMAG HAS  
ATTEMPTED TO SWAY THE AFP TOWARD THE SIMPLER AND LESS  
COSTLY V-150, WITH 90MM GUN BUT TO DATE HAS HAD LITTLE  
SUCCESS.

4. REQUEST THAT P&B BE SENT TO THE US EMBASSY, MANILA  
ATTN: POL/MIL AND THAT JUSMAG-PHIL, ATTN: JPPD BE AN  
INFO ADDRESSEE.  
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